

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting of 15 June 2005 at 7:00 PM. The meeting took place in the Court Room, Town and County Building, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were Douglas Bennett, Whiting Willauer, Michael Glowacki and Brian Chadwick. Bruce Watts was absent. Chairman Glowacki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Payroll Warrant for Week Ending 12 June 2005. The payroll warrant was approved by unanimous consent of the meeting.

Approval of Treasury Warrant and Pending Contracts for Week Ending 15 June 2005. The treasury warrant and pending contracts were approved by unanimous consent of the meeting.

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Review of Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Development and Timeline with Finance Committee and School Committee (Action/Adoption Scheduled for Meeting of June 29, 2005). Sue Genthner, chairman of the School Committee, gave a presentation on the Nantucket Public Schools five year Strategic Plan noting its mission statement and vision, and how the planning process evolved. Ms. Genthner noted who the individuals are that comprised the steering committee and stated the Plan has been implemented for one year. Ms. Genthner spoke about the importance of resources noting that the Plan recommends where the money and resources of the school district should be directed in any given year. Ms. Genthner explained that the document is a "guide" to budget development as well as an educational tool for the community.

With regard to the fiscal year 2007 budget, Town Administrator Libby Gibson summarized the draft timeline and some discussion followed. Capital Program Committee chairman Greg Keltz stated that he feels the calendar is a little "tight" with regard to how much time the committee has to provide recommendations on capital items and suggested the timeline for Capital Program recommendations be lengthened. School superintendent Alan Myers stated the school needs revenue projections as early as possible in order to determine whether it can "live within the budget" or "go" for an override. Some discussion followed on this issue. Finance Committee chairman Rick Atherton stated that revenue projections, unfortunately, are just not always available as early as Mr. Myers would like. Former selectman Tim Soverino also spoke about projected revenues, and newly hired deputy school superintendent Robert Pellicone asked several questions. Finance Committee member Bruce Miller expressed his opinion that November or December is early enough to start the budget process. After some additional discussion, Ms. Gibson stated that she will review the input received tonight and the Board will adopt the budget timeline on June 29, 2005. The Board thanked the School Committee for its presentation.

2. Review of Draft "Free Cash" Use Policy (Action/Adoption Scheduled for Meeting of June 29, 2005). Finance Director Connie Voges presented a draft "free cash" use policy, explaining that "free cash" is the term used for that portion of the Town's funds that are unrestricted and available for appropriation at the end of a fiscal year, once it has been "certified" by the Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services. Ms. Voges explained the appropriate uses for free cash, and why it is important to have a policy for its use that "survives" different boards and committees. It was noted that the draft policy has been distributed to members of the Finance Committee and the School Committee but neither Ms. Voges or the Town Administrator has received any "feedback" to

date. Some additional discussion ensued and Chairman Glowacki stated that the policy will be voted on at the June 29, 2005 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

3. Scheduling of Public Hearing Regarding Siasconset Wastewater Treatment Facility Special Assessments (continued from 8 June 2005). Mr. Bennett moved to schedule a public hearing with regard to assessments for the Siasconset Wastewater Treatment Facility for July 21, 2005; seconded by Mr. Willauer. So voted.

4. Request for Authorization to File a Loan Application with the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust in Connection with Surfside Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades. Mr. Bennett moved to authorize the Chairman, on behalf of the Board, to file applications and execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance as well as furnishing such information, data and documents pertaining to the application for a grant(s) and/or loan(s) as may be required; and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in connection with this application; seconded by Mr. Willauer. So voted.

Town Administrator Gibson reported that India, Liberty and Lily Street will be re-paved this week and the Town has been reimbursed \$122,000 from the state in snow removal costs for last winter. Ms. Gibson acknowledged Fire Chief Everett Pierce for his hard work in securing these funds.

Public Hearing to Review Finance Committee Vacancies (continued from 8 June 2005). Chairman Glowacki opened the hearing and noted there are four vacancies on the Finance Committee and six applicants: Rick Atherton, Bruce Miller, Lindsay Perry, Tim Soverino, Kerim Koseatac and Donald Shea. Mr. Atherton, Mr. Miller, Mr. Perry, Mr. Soverino and Mr. Koseatac all spoke on their credentials and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Shea was not present. Mr. Atherton noted that, if re-appointed, he would be resigning as co-president of the Civic League. Chairman Glowacki closed the hearing and thanked the applicants for attending the hearing. Chairman Glowacki announced that appointments will be made on June 27, 2005.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Approved the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2005.